

New ACCENT Director Stars, Directs Production

Prospects of a bright future for theatre in Torrance have brought a young professional actress and director half a continent away from home to work here. Noralee Benedict, well-known in the Midwest as a director of little theatre and as a stock actress, has taken up duties as director of both ACCENT: Theatre! and of the Magic Circle Players of the Jamaica Inn (formerly the Hollywood Riviera Club.)

Director - Star Miss Benedict will make her West Coast debut Thursday

and Friday, August 11 and 12, performing in a triple capacity.

She is directing "Twenty-Seven Wagons Full of Cotton," Tennessee Williams' study of violence in three scenes, and "A Phoenix Too Frequent,"

Christopher Fry's brilliant verse play about idealism, and will act in both plays.

The ACCENT group will sponsor the Thursday and Friday shows, which will be held in the courtyard of the Inn, as a benefit for its building fund. The general public may come without special reservations, as tickets will be available at the door.

Founder

Paul Shelley, known here as Jack Hudson, founding director of ACCENT, will appear in "Phoenix." Von Hershey, director of drama at Torrance high school, will also take a role in "Phoenix."

Hershey will also appear in "Cotton" along with one of his former students, Barbara Whitley, Torrance High Song Queen.

ACCENT Theatre's next production will be "The Rose Tattoo," a three-act folk comedy of a Sicilian fishing village, also by Tennessee Williams.

Try - Outs

Try-outs for roles in this production will be held at the Torrance Women's Club, 1422 Engracia, at 8 p.m., Monday, August 8. Eighteen roles are to be cast, including men, women and children of all ages.

The new directress has been the guest of Mrs. Jack Norris, 2723 W. 179th st., North Torrance. She is planning to make her permanent home in this area.

Pvt. Tucker In Training

FORT KNOX, KY. — Pvt. Paul R. Tucker, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynville G. Tucker, 18308 Yukon st., Torrance, is receiving basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., as a member of the 3rd Armored Division.

The "Spearhead" division, formerly a training unit at the Armored Center, recently was reorganized into a combat-ready unit.

Private Tucker entered the Army last June. He attended Verdugo Hills High School.

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